



Major hazard Facilities Advisory Committee

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Greta,

Thank you for ringing to clarify the intent of the Ministers letter dated 28 October.

It is now understood that you were asking whether there were any additional matters that should be covered in the discussion paper.

Melbourne Water has major hazard facilities at Eastern Treatment Plant, Silvan and Winneke Reservoirs.

One issue that has been identified for inclusion in the discussion paper is whether the planning system can be used more effectively to communicate the risk posed by MHF to the community and manage developer expectations. The risk associated with a MHF isn't zero, but it is extremely low and this might need some work especially if an outcome of the review is to have a better informed local community

For example the Environmental Significance Overlay at ETP has been put in place to manage odour and there is not much detail to guide developers and residents about what the other risks may actually be.

Suggest that the discussion paper could explore how risk is communicated consistently and concisely to the community, developers, etc who might be located close to a MHF.

Regards Bruce

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